

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following section headings on page 1, after the title and at line 1:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1) Field of the Invention --

Please insert the following section heading on page 1, at line 6:

-- 2) Description of the Related Art --

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-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 27, with the following replacement paragraph:

-- ~~It is the~~ An object of the present invention is to provide a flame-retardant mixture for lignocellulose composites which has high resistance to being washed out of the flame retardant on contact with water and provides reliable flame retardance in lignocellulose composites. --

Please insert the following section heading on page 2, before line 1:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--